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SUBJ: FEB 14, THE 45TH DAY OF THE DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE

REF: PHNOM PENH 2770

1. SUMMARY. ON THE MEKONG, PEAM REANG ISLAND STAYED A HOT SPOT AS THE KC FOUGHT OFF FANK EFFORTS TO LAND A REPLACEMENT BATTALION. THE FANK FORCE MOVING TOWARD DEI DOS RAN INTO SOME ENEMY AND STALLED. NORTH OF PHNOM PENH, FRIENDLY POSITIONS WITHDREW CLOSER TO OUDONG AND THE KC KEPT UP PRESSURE AGAINST THE 7TH DIVISION AREA. A POST ALSO WITHDREW SOUTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL. POCHENTONG TOOK FIVE ROCKETS WHICH KILLED ONE PERSON; TWO ROCKETS LANDED WITH NO CASUALTIES NORTH OF THE CAPITAL. END SUMMARY.

2. FANK PULLED OUT ONE OF THE THREE BATTALIONS DEFENDING PEAM REANG ISLAND TO GIVE IT A REST BUT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REPLACE IT DUE TO HEAVY KC FIRE. THE KC FOUGHT OFF A LANDING EARLY FEB 14, KILLING FOUR AND WOUNDING 18 TROOPERS AND CREWMEN WHILE STILL ABOARD SHIP. THE BATTALION SLOWLY MOVING TOWARD THE MEKONG CHOKDGOINT AT DEI DOS STOPPED WHEN IT RAN INTO SOME ENEMY FEB 13.

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FANK KILLED FIVE AND SEIZED SOME 107MM ROCKETS WHILE

LOSING 13 FRIENDLY WOUNDED IN FIGHTING LASTING TIL  
FEB 14.

3. DEFENSIVE POSITIONS NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST OF  
OUDONG WITHDREW TO NEW LINES CLAIMING 20 ENEMY KILLED  
WHILE LOSING THREE DEAD AND FIVE WOUNDED. OUDONG  
REPORTS THE SITUATION IS STABLE. ON ROUTE 5 NORTH OF  
PHNOM PENH, THE KC CONTINUE HEAVY PRESSURE  
ON THE 7TH DIVISION AREA. THE TWO BATTALIONS OF THE  
80TH REINFORCING THE 7TH HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN AFTER  
THEY BROKE AND RAN FROM THE ENEMY TWO NIGHTS AGO. THE  
NEARBY 5TH BRIGADE HAS EXANDED ITS AREA TO HELP COVER  
THE 7TH, BUT THE MOVE MEANS A FURTHER DECLINE IN COMBAT  
POWER IN THAT ALREADY WEAK SECTOR.

4. IN THE CORRIDOR BETWEEN THE MEKONG AND BASSAC  
RIVERS, THE KC SHARPLY ATTACKED A POSITION OF THE  
24TH BRIGADE KILLING NINE AND WOUNDING EIGHT AND  
FORCING THE POST TO WITHDRAW.

5. TAKEO AGAIN NOTED KC ATTACKS WHICH ISOLATED ONE  
POST ON THE SOUTHWEST EDGE OF THE ENCLAVE'S PERIMETER.  
RELIEF IS UNDERWAY.

6. FIVE ROCKETS KILLED ONE PERSON AT POCHENTONG. TWO  
OTHER ROUNDS FELL AT KM 6 NORTH OF PHNOM PENH WITH NO  
CASUALTIES.  
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